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threw the Ball twice as far as the same Quantity of Powder taken out of the same Barrel, before it was dried.

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IV. *An Account of a Meteor seen near Holkam in Norfolk, Aug. 1741. transmitted to the ROYAL SOCIETY by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Lord Lovell, F. R. S.*

Read Nov. 4.  
1742.

**T**homas Savory, John Walker, and others of Lord Lovell's Ploughmen, being at Plough about the Middle of August 1741. on a fair Day, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, saw on a Heath about a Quarter of a Mile from them, a Wind like a Whirlwind, come gradually towards them, in a strait Line from East to West. It passed through the Field where they were at Plough, tore up the Stubble in the ploughed Ground, and also the Grass besides the same, for Two Miles in Length, and Thirty Yards in Breadth. When it came to some Closes at the Top of a rising Ground called *Ferrybusb-Closes*, Philip Henning, and others, who were houghing Turneps, saw it appear like a great Flash or Ball of Fire. After having seen the Wind come into the Closes, Robert May was in a Cottage where he lives by a Road-side, at the Bottom of the Park, about a Furlong down-hill from the Close, when one of his Children about Six Years old, who was playing at the Door, cried out, That *Ferrybusb-Closes* were on Fire; on which he went out to look, but saw no Fire, only a terrible Smoak, and heard such a Noise as Fire makes when a Barn is burning.

burning. He then saw the Wind come from the Cloſes in the ſame manner as before-mentioned, making a terrible Noiſe, like that of a violent Fire, alſo like Carts over ſtony Ground, which paſſed by his Houſe, tearing up the Stones in the Road, and tore up a Rank of Pales, and ſprung ſeveral of the Poſts out of their Places, and carried a pewter Plate that ſtood on the Outſide of the Window, about Forty Yards from the Houſe; and a large Box-cover about an Inch and half thick and Four Feet ſquare, and croſs-barred, which he covers his Birds with, was carried away much further, and torn all to pieces; and the Gravel flew about, and alſo the Flint-ſtones like Feathers. It alſo broke down ſome of Mr. *Knotts's* Fences, and frightened the Cattle in a terrible manner. And, what is moſt remarkable, that every-where elſe but in this Place, the Weather was clear and fine, and no Sign of any Storm or Diſturbance whatſoever. About a Quarter of an Hour after, *Philip Henning*, and Two of his Partners, *Turnep-boughers*, who were at Work about Two Furlongs off, came to the ſaid *Robert May*, and told him, they were glad to ſee him alive; for they expected, that he and his Family, Houſe and all, had been deſtroyed, having ſeen the Fire go that Way, and heard a Noiſe, as if the Houſe had been demolithed. *Robert May* ſmelled a moſt terrible Smell of Sulphur, both before and after the Wind paſſed him, and heard the Noiſe a great while after ſeeing the Smoak, before he ſaw the Wind, an Hedge intercepting his Sight. He ſays it moved ſo ſlowly forward, as to be near Ten Minutes in coming from the Cloſes to the Houſe.